



# Neighborhood Association Monthly Report

City of South Bend  
May 2023

“Compassion is not a virtue — it is a commitment. It’s not something we have or don’t have — it’s something we choose to practice.”

-Brene Brown

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

### April/May Neighborhood Association Updates



#### Kennedy Park

Restarting spring repairs to the KPNA Neighborhood Center on Linden Ave.



#### River Park

Neighborhood newsletter is now digital, please let them know on Facebook if you want to receive emails. The River Park Neighborhood Clean up will be May 6<sup>th</sup> at Fast Signs & The Maids, 2400 Mishawaka Avenue.



#### Miami Village

Neighborhood Cleanup on May 13th. Working with IUSB to design new Logo. Awarded Ignite Grant. Grand Opening of renovated Randolph Park on June 10th.



#### Far Northwest

Representative from Neighborhood



#### Near West Side

Presentation by Aaron Perri on parks



#### Monroe Park

Received IGNITE grant and now

Services and Enforcement spoke at meeting. Working on ideas for IGNITE Grant.

and possible park development in the neighborhood. Discussed upcoming Spring cleanup on May 20th.

pricing out trailer and tools for community tool trailer. Held Pizza buy back night on 4/12/23. Unity Garden planting 5/20/23 from 10am-12pm. Neighborhood Cleanup June 10<sup>th</sup> 8:30am -11:30am.



### Lincoln-Bendix

Organized upcoming events and outreach initiatives meetings with new neighborhood partner Kingdom Impact. Neighborhood cleanup Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:00 a.m. at Kingdom Impact Church.

All-you-can-eat breakfast(open to the public) Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

Adults \$10

children 5 and over \$5.



### NENC

Completed the Back the Bend Senior Bus tour last month. Another Tour will be hosted this summer. Working on IGNITE grant application.



### Rum Village

Held Dinner and Round Table forum in partnership with Notre Dame and Center for Civic Innovation on food quality in the Neighborhood. Working on IGNITE grant application.



### NNN

ND Engineering interns in partnership with St. Paul Bethel students presented IGNITE park revitalization park project proposal for resident feedback.

Neighborhood cleanup took place April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> IGNITE-funded park revitalization began with NNN residents, St. Paul Bethel, ND Engineering interns, and Siegel Construction.



### SOAR

Working on Ignite Grant Application; selecting location for signage . Held Open Candidate Forum for Common Council Elections at April 11th Meeting. Held Neighborhood Cleanup on April 15th. Planning Annual Picnic.

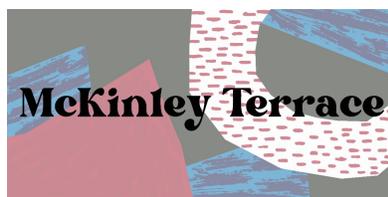


### Lasalle Park

Working on location for IGNITE Grant funded permanent neighborhood signage near Meade St. at rail crossing.



### Lincolnway Neighbors for Change



### McKinley Terrace

Ratified bylaws and elected officers!



### North Shore Triangle

Working on Community Garden Ignite

Discussing shutting down a block of Huey for a kids movie night. Please come to the next meeting on May 18th!

Grant Project. Volunteers come out to assist with the raised beds on 4/29/23.



### Edgewater

Open House for neighborhood plan coming soon.



### Twyckenham Hills

No updates at this time.



### Chapin Park

Working on next quarterly newsletter.



### Howard Park

Held Neighborhood cleanup. Creating a new Zoom account so that the Association will have a virtual option when they cannot attend the NA meetings.

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## South Bend Home Repair Program

The city is accepting applications for the Home Repair Program from May 1, 2023 – June 19, 2023. Assistance will be provided on a first come, first served basis until all applications are processed or until all available funds are committed, whichever occurs first.

Eligibility requirements include that:

- The applicants must own and occupy the home,
- The home must be in the targeted geography,
- The household must income qualify, and
- The household must be enrolled in the **City's Utility Assistance Program (UAP)**

A full list of program eligibility requirements can be found in the program guidelines **2023 South Bend Home Repair Program Guidelines**.



[2023 Application](#)

[Learn More](#)

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# Neighborhoods Consortium



The second quarterly meeting was held on April 5, 2023. Representatives from **14** different neighborhoods attended along with the Mayor. See the **Consortium** page for more information. Next meeting will be on July 12.

For questions or more information contact [eee@southbendin.gov](mailto:eee@southbendin.gov).

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## South Bend Neighborhood Plan Updates

**Monroe Park/Edgewater** - Open house coming soon!

Plan kickoffs later this summer for...

**River Park Neighborhood**  
**Lasalle Park Neighborhood**

For more information, email [planning@southbendin.gov](mailto:planning@southbendin.gov) or [eee@southbendin.gov](mailto:eee@southbendin.gov) or click the link below!

[www.together.southbendin.gov](http://www.together.southbendin.gov)

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## Free Eviction Clinics

The Volunteer lawyer network will be hosting a series of **free** legal clinics 1-4pm at libraries throughout St Joe County on the following dates.

5/11/23 - Tutt Branch  
5/25/23 - German Branch  
6/8/23 - River Park Branch  
6/22/23 - Lasalle Branch

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GET STATEWIDE VIRTUAL  
ADVICE REGARDING  
EVICIONS, INCLUDING:  
>RESIDENTIAL EVICTIONS  
>TENANTS' RIGHTS  
>RENTAL & HOUSING RESOURCES  
>DAMAGES HEARINGS  
>SEALING EVICTIONS

FIRST AND THIRD  
FRIDAY OF  
EACH MONTH

CONSULTATIONS BY ZOOM

ZOOM MEETING ID: 881 6720 9757

PHONE: (312) 626-6799

PHONE LINE OPEN FOR CLINIC HOURS ONLY

10:00AM  
TO  
2:00PM  
E.T.

PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED

MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT ONLINE AT:

[HTTPS://CALENDLY.COM/PBI-EVICIONS/EDC](https://calendly.com/pbi-evictions/edc)



## Public Safety

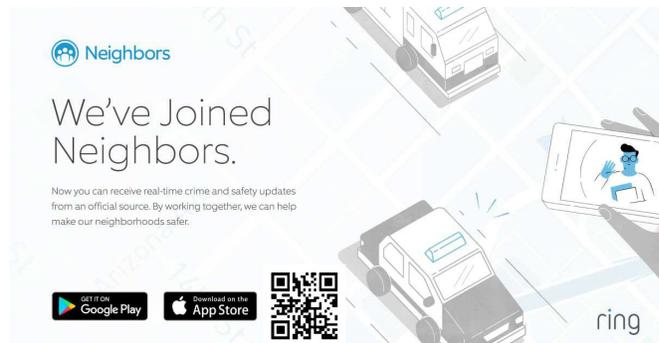
The South Bend Police Department has offered to send an officer to neighborhood association meetings (or attend virtually), per request. If interested, or if you have questions or concerns, please contact Chief of Police, **Scott Ruskowski** or Community Liaison Officer, **Jarveair Bourn** at [jbourn@southbendin.gov](mailto:jbourn@southbendin.gov).



You can now also join the Sync South Bend Camera Registry Program.

By registering the cameras at your home or business, you are helping South Bend Police officers and detectives quickly determine where cameras are located and who they need to contact to access them. This information will help expedite investigations and will eliminate the need for an officer or detective to physically visit your home or business to review relevant footage – all clips can be shared and submitted via a secure link.

This is a FREE app.





[Learn More](#)

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## Neighborhood IGNITE Grant



**Start Planning Today!** -The City of South Bend's Engagement and Economic Empowerment team will be offering a 2nd round of grants to neighborhood associations to create and expand ways for residents to engage, connect, and grow. IGNITE Grants provide funding for small neighborhood placemaking and placekeeping projects with community-wide benefit. Sample projects include *neighborhood signage*, *expanded tree coverage*, *park enhancements* or *public art*. **A new round of applications will be available at the end of May 2023!**

### **2022 Grant Awardees:**

**LaSalle Park Neighborhood Association** - *Neighborhood Signage*

Installation of permanent signage identifying and welcoming residents and visitors to the neighborhood

**Lincoln-Bendix Neighborhood Association** – *Banners and Beautification*

Installation of welcoming banners along neighborhood boundary at Lincolnway West, Olive Street, and Meade/Bendix and the beautification of the median along Meade and Bendix Drive

**Miami Village** - *Neighborhood Signage*

Installation of new permanent signage welcoming residents and visitors to the neighborhood

**Monroe Park Neighborhood Association** - *Neighborhood Tool Trailer*

Development of a neighborhood tool trailer and lending program for residents

**Near Northwest Neighborhood** – *“Tot Lot” and Community Greenspace*

Near Northwest Neighborhood partnership with St. Paul Bethel Church to revitalize and reopen a greenspace play area for small children and community members

**Northshore Triangle** – *“Grow and Know”*

“Know & Grow” envisions the relocation and expansion of the neighborhood’s Unity Garden (ensuring the 12th consecutive

season of operations) and the installation of an “iHub” sign, which will centralize neighborhood news, opportunities for engagement, and its history.

#### **Near West Side Neighborhood Organization- *Banners and Benches***

Banner signage designed by residents identifying neighborhood along Chapin, Charles Martin and Colfax, and park benches for two local greenspaces.

#### **River Park Neighborhood Association – *Signal Box Murals***

A series of signal box artwork installations designed by residents along Mishawaka Ave

For questions or to receive future emails about the 2023 Ignite Grant email [eee@southbendin.gov](mailto:eee@southbendin.gov) or go to

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## **SOUTH BEND TECHNOLOGY RESOURCE CENTER (TRC)**



We will have a Self Made, Self Taught event on May 24th, from 12-1, featuring Sheer Brown of South Bend Challah Company & the Portage Collective! We'll launch registration soon -- stay tuned to TRC Eventbrite & **Facebook** pages for more info!

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# **RESOURCES**

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## **Supporting South Bend**

Did you know the City of South Bend has a website dedicated to helping the community locate important resources? Everything from assistance for childcare, rent and utilities to free WIFI and free golf.

You can find it by searching "Supporting South Bend" in your web browser, typing [www.southbendin.gov/support](http://www.southbendin.gov/support), or clicking the button below.

**Click For Supporting South Bend**

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## **Upskill South Bend**



*A worker-oriented program focused on creating a high-skill workforce and retaining talent within South Bend.*

Summer cohort applications are now open for the City's workforce development program, Upskill SB! Upskill SB targets job-seeking professionals and recent graduates to earn certifications in technical and traditional fields. By subsidizing at least 50% of course fees and all exam fees for South Bend residents and workers.

Applications open now and will remain open until the cohort is full or May 12th.

[Learn more](#)

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## Lamppost Lighting Program

- **Who is eligible for the Lamppost Lighting Program?**
- **Is there a deadline to participate in the program?**
- **Do I need professional help to install the lamppost?**
- **How do I sign up for the program?**
- **What is the process to get a lamppost?**

The City of South Bend's Lamppost Lighting Program assists homeowners with lighting enhancements in their neighborhoods.

The cost-share program offers easy self-install, solar-powered lampposts for residential front yards. The solar lampposts must be mounted in a level area within approximately five feet of the edge of sidewalk. They cannot be installed in the tree lawn.

There is a limit of one lamppost per household. The homeowner is responsible for pickup, installation and any maintenance of the lamppost after installation. The City's Division of Engineering will inspect the lampposts to ensure proper installation.

# 2023 LAMPPOST LIGHTING PROGRAM



[Learn More](#)

## EASSI

The Energy Assistance and Solar Savings Initiative (EASSI) provides subsidized energy assessments, grants, and low-interest loans to community organizations.

### EASSI Webinar Series for Businesses & Nonprofits

Webinar Topic	Date	Link to Join
Electric Utility Rebates & Incentives for Nonprofits & Businesses	April 18, 10-11am	<a href="https://bit.ly/3zgvBVj">https://bit.ly/3zgvBVj</a>
Solar 101 for Nonprofits	April 20, 11am-12pm	<a href="https://bit.ly/3zfzI3K">https://bit.ly/3zfzI3K</a>
Financing Energy Savings Projects for Nonprofits & Businesses	April 27, 10-11am	<a href="https://bit.ly/42KSnSJ">https://bit.ly/42KSnSJ</a>

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Save Energy ✓

Save \$\$\$ ✓

Reinvest in Your  
Organization ✓

Protect the Environment ✓



# VIBRANT PLACES!



## BETTER VIBES | BETTER BUSINESS

**VIBRANT PLACES** is a matching grant program for qualifying exterior enhancements to commercial, mixed-use, & industrial buildings.

Up to **\$112,000 matching funds** available for projects!

Qualifying projects for up to **70% matching grant funds** include:



...and more! **50% Standard Grant + 20% Sustainable Bonus**



**SUNPOWERED GRANT**

Your business may **additionally** apply for 15% or 25% matching funds for **solar** projects.

[www.southbendin.gov/vibrantplaces](http://www.southbendin.gov/vibrantplaces)



**SOLAR UNITED NEIGHBORS**

# VIBRANT PLACES

## SUNPOWERED GRANT

### A GRANT FOR SOLAR

Receive funding for your business to install solar panels & battery storage systems!

Grants for solar panels are in addition to the standard grant and sustainability bonus available through Vibrant Places. **A single business could be eligible for all three grants.**

	Matching Grant %	Max Grant Amount \$
<b>CITY-WIDE (INCLUDING DOWNTOWN)</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>\$20,000</b> (15% of a \$133,333+ project)
<b>PRIORITY CORRIDOR</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>\$30,000</b> (25% of a \$120,000+ project)

A project in partnership with  **SOLAR UNITED NEIGHBORS**

## WHY GO SOLAR?



### ENERGY COST CONTROL

A solution to ever varying and increasing energy costs



### LOW MAINTENANCE RENEWABLE ENERGY

No required operations & maintenance spend



### ATTRACTIVE INVESTMENT

Internal rate of return >15% with federal incentives



### POWER YOUR COMPANY WITH CLEAN ENERGY

Solar panels generate electricity without burning fossil fuels or contributing to climate change



### SUSTAINABLE SOURCE OF BACKUP POWER

With battery storage, you can prepare for energy interruptions without relying on a generator

Learn more and apply:



[www.southbendin.gov/vibrantplaces](http://www.southbendin.gov/vibrantplaces)

# VIBRANT PLACES

## SUSTAINABILITY BONUS



### TAKE YOUR PROJECT TO THE NEXT LEVEL

**STANDARD**  
50% Matching



**SUSTAINABLE!**  
70% Matching

### GET AN EXTRA 20% MATCHING FUNDS FOR...

**Energy-Efficient**  
doors & windows



**No VOC** paint



**Permeable**  
surfaces



**30% Recycled-**  
content Materials



**Rain gardens**



**Drought-tolerant**  
landscaping



Learn more and apply:



[www.southbendin.gov/vibrantplaces](http://www.southbendin.gov/vibrantplaces)

The City of South Bend has announced a new round of workforce development training courses provided by Purdue Manufacturing Extension Partnership. The Pathways program assists workers from South Bend manufacturing companies with career training, improving employees' skills and providing them with advancement opportunities with local manufacturers.

[Learn More](#)

Gaps in high-skilled talent have become challenges for the growth of businesses in the South Bend region. To fill critical gaps in high-demand jobs locally and to boost the regional economy. The City of South Bend has announced a new program: The **High Skill Immigration Fund** To attract and retain high skilled talent in the South Bend region and To educate and build capacity of local businesses to enable international talent sourcing

[Learn more](#)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

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### BUILD SOUTH BEND

Check out this recent article in Strong Towns featuring South Bend about building strong, inclusive and vibrant neighborhoods!

### **Who Does It Take To Build a Neighborhood? Everyone.**

Join the conversation below.

# BUILD SOUTH BEND VIRTUAL TRAININGS 2023

## The 12 Steps of Town Making

led by Neighborhood Evolution - Bernice Radle,  
Monte Anderson, Jim Kumon & Mike Keen

**Farming Your Community & Finding Your People**

**Steps 1 & 2 | February 15 @ 6:30 PM**

**How to ATTRACT Financing and Investors**

**Step 3 | March 15 @ 6:30 PM**

**Legal & Accounting - You Have to Have It!**

**Step 4 | April 16 @ 6:30**

**Your First (or Next) Project & How to Start**

**Steps 5 & 6 | June 21 @ 6:30**

**Building Your Team for a Successful Project**

**Steps 7 & 8 | July 19 @ 6:30**

**Setting up your Construction System**

**Step 9 | October 18 @ 6:30**

**Leasing, Property Management & Helping Others**

**Steps 10, 11, & 12 | November 15 @ 6:30**

FOR DETAILED INFO & ZOOM INVITATIONS, RSVP  
EEE@SOUTHBENDIN.GOV, OR ONLINE @  
WWW.SOUTHBENDIN.GOV/BSB

### 2023 Small Developer Seminars

Join us virtually on March 15 for Virtual Training: How to ATTRACT Financing

[Sign Up Now](#)

**Financing :**

Join townmakers Monte Anderson, Bernice Radle and others as they discuss the fundamentals of finding your development farm, investing in the community, and taking the critical steps of working with banks, neighbors, contractors, and the ecosystem of support needed for successful project development.

A Three Part Series

# THE FUNDAMENTALS OF NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Save the Dates!



**JAN  
21**

## FARMING & SUSTAINABILITY

9 AM-12:30 PM

Learn the fundamentals of dealmaking, development and more, with a special focus on sustainability.

## FINANCE

9 AM-12 PM

This hands-on session will teach acquisitions, finance, using proformas, interviewing banks, and more.

**MAY  
06**



**SEP  
30**

## FORM

9 AM-12 PM

Form will teach zoning, how and who to hire, designing for tenants, and much more.

For More Information, Please Visit

[www.southbendin.gov/bsb](http://www.southbendin.gov/bsb)



**WORKSHOP  
SERIES 2023**



Join us in person on May 6th for **Building South Bend: Finance**

[Sign Up Here](#)

Summer 2023!

## Linden Avenue Pop-Up Markets



# LINDEN AVENUE POP-UP MARKETS

# JUNE 10

1-5 PM CHARLES BLACK CENTER





# EL MERCADO DE LINDEN AVENUE

## 10 DE JUNIO

1-5 PM CENTRO DE CHARLES BLACK



### Sewer/Water Reconnect

A new Sewer Lateral Reimbursement Program will offer a reimbursement up to \$20,000 for qualified costs of connecting the sewer lateral to new low-and moderate-income homes. This funding may be used to cover the cost of the entire sewer lateral from the main line to the residential structure. Qualifying costs for reimbursement include labor, materials, traffic control, and restoration of pavement, curbs and sidewalks related to the sewer lateral work. Subject to the respective approvals by the Common Council and Board of Public Works, both the revised System Development Charges and the Sewer Lateral Reimbursement Program will be active by mid-July.

[Learn more](#)

### Downtown South Bend

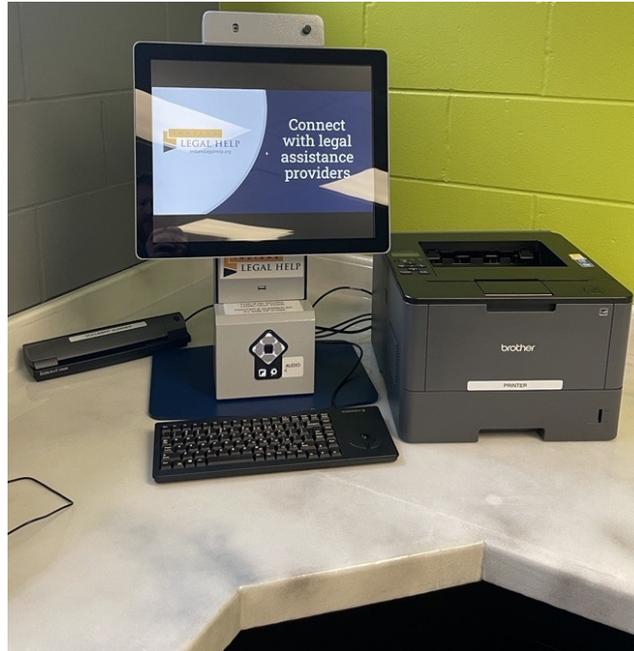
Spring is coming and DTSB is ready to celebrate ! Visit DTSB's [website](#) for a complete list of all the activities planned .



## Legal Self Help Clinic

Facing eviction? Need to find legal help? Come visit the Indiana Legal Help Kiosk at the Charles Black Center in South Bend! The kiosk will be available. Through the kiosk, you can connect with legal aid organizations, find free housing-focused legal clinics, and access housing legal information and forms.

For housing and other legal needs, you can always check out the legal resources available at [IndianaLegalHelp.org](https://www.IndianaLegalHelp.org).



[Learn More](#)

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## Climate Action Ambassador Program

The Office of Sustainability is recruiting 15 local leaders to serve as Climate Action Ambassadors for the City of South Bend.

Climate Action Ambassadors will facilitate conversations with the community to help prepare for climate change and contribute to the next update of South Bend's Climate Action Plan. Ambassadors will receive a \$250 stipend for their time and participation in the program, which, in addition to leading a Climate Action Survey Session, will require attending:

1. An introductory Zoom call
2. A two-hour environmental justice training
3. One debrief session with other Climate Action Ambassadors.

[Meet the 2023 Climate Action Ambassadors](#)

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## SOUTH BEND SMART BUSINESSES RECYCLE

The Smart Businesses Recycle is a pilot program to assist businesses and nonprofits to start a single-stream recycling service, improve their recycling capabilities, and reduce waste through targeted incentives.

# SMART BUSINESSES RECYCLE



Now  
Accepting  
Nonprofits!

[Learn more](#)

[Apply Now](#)



## Participate and...

- Receive **incentives \$\$\$** for
  - Starting a single-stream recycling service
  - Reducing waste
  - Removing barriers to recycling
- **Save** money by assessing and minimizing your waste
- **Reduce** your impact on the environment
- **Lead** the way in sustainability in South Bend



**Learn more and apply here:**  
[www.southbendin.gov/commercialrecycling](http://www.southbendin.gov/commercialrecycling)

## Lead Safe South Bend

The City of South Bend has grants available to assist making your home lead safe. Eligible households can apply to have lead safe repairs completed, up to \$20,000, by qualified contractors at no cost to you!

[Click For Lead Safe South Bend Information](#)



[Click for more information about the Canopy Tree program](#)

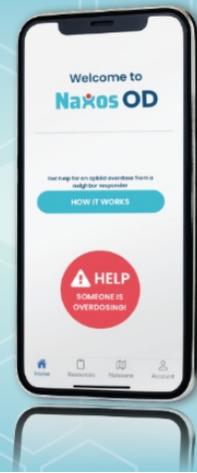
## Community Canopy Tree Program.

Help beautify your neighborhood with this free program from SBVPA. South Bend is excited to make it easier on individuals to give back to the environment and create a healthier city. The program only allows trees to be planted on city public right-of-way between the curb and sidewalk (tree lawn). The tree may be up to 10 feet from the curb if no sidewalk exists.

Additional questions about the program? Please contact our Forester at 574-299-4766.

# Naxos OD

Making Connections, Saving Lives



Naxos Neighbors provides opioid overdose bystanders with an anonymous, one-button press to connect with trained neighbor responders, ready to administer naloxone and provide immediate connections to harm reduction and treatment resources. They are now piloting in the South Bend, IN area.

[Download Now](#)

[More Info](#)

## NEAR NORTHWEST Community Fridge



**Yard Waste**

### **Yard Waste**

Yard waste season runs April 1 to November 30. Weekly pickup of yard waste, such as grass clippings, brush and leaves, is available to city residents for a fee of \$4.50 per month (\$36 per year) during the season. The monthly fee is applied to the utility bill. A 48-or 96-gallon bin is provided with collection taking place on the same day as trash pickup. **Sign up for the program online** or call 311.

**Sign up Now.**

**Yard Waste Removal Info**

**Schedule an Extra Pickup**



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**Stay Connected to your Elected Officials.**



**Mayor James Mueller**  
mayormueller@southbendin.gov  
311 (Within city limits)  
574.233.0311 (Outside city limits)

# South Bend Elected Officials

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